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Each month I'm amazed by just how much is going on in the Club, so take a break from the festive preparations and take a look at what's on offer for 2012 and what's been achieved in 2011. Thank you to everyone who has sent me articles and photographs over the last twelve months and helped with the production of ePotterNews. Happy Christmas to everyone.

Ann Brunskill

Club

Annual General Meeting - Saturday, 4th February 2012 at 11 a.m.

The reminder notice for next year's AGM will be going up on the Club Noticeboard on Saturday 10th January. The papers for the Meeting will be mailed in early January together with PotterShip.

Annual Dinner



The annual dinner was a great success. Chef Matt Doe and his team produced a tasty dinner, the prizes were presented and Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey's speech and toast to the Club were much appreciated. The picture shows the Commodore taking port with Rob, Mark and Matt, in appreciation of all their hard work. The Commodore's Cup was awarded to David Matcham, the Jack in the Basket to Annabel Vose, the Highlander Trophy to Robin Taunt and the Jubilee Challenge Trophy to Roger Barber. Full details are in PotterShip.

Social

Deck the Club with Christmas Spirit

The Club was decorated on Tuesday morning by a talented band of helpers encouraged in with the thought of coffee, mulled wine and mince pies after all the work. Very many thanks to all involved.



Forthcoming Events



Sold out but check with the office for returns

Saturday 10th December - Christmas Party and Gala Buffet

Always a great event. Matt and the Catering Team provide a fabulous buffet followed by dancing to live band Zac and the Zeros. T



Tuesday 13th December - Movie Night

Brighton Rock stars Helen Mirren, Sam Riley and Andrea Riseborough in the remake of the classic Graham Greene novel.

Wednesday 14th December Staff Party in evening

Our first floor team have a well deserved night off so the Club will be closed.



Friday 16th December Christmas Dinner

A Club favourite Black Tie event - Turkey with all the trimmings.

Wednesday 21st December - Carols with Santa.

Bring your children and grandchildren along at lunchtime to join in the Christmas carols and enjoy a break from the Christmas shopping. Rumour has it that Santa may visit by river with a sack full of sweets for the children.

Please note that between Christmas and New Year's Eve the Club will be open at Lunch Time

with full catering but it will be closed in the evenings.



Saturday 31st December - New Year's Eve Party

Service resumes in grand style - seeing out the old year with a spectacular party with an amazing menu and to see in 2012, dancing to the live band "Time Out".

Sunday 1st January 2012 - New Year's Day Brunch

Begin the New Year with the famous Brunch from 1100.

Thursday 5th January - Quiz Night

Vince Sutherland hosts the first Quiz Supper of 2012

Tuesday 17th January- Movie Night

Billy Elliot Staring Jamie Bell, Julie Walters and Jean Heywood. All the characters are intriguing, and the acting is flawless, most notably from 14-year-old Jamie Bell whose acting is utterly convincing, filled with humour and insight beyond his years. He is also a fantastic dancer.

Saturday 21st January - Chinese New Year

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon at our themed Evening.

Wednesday 25th January - Burns Night

Scotland's favourite poet is commemorated in appropriate style.

Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House



Past Events

For one night only the Club was transformed into a candlelit music venue as Club Member Dave Horler and his brother John brought some brilliant local musicians together for a fantastic night of easy listening jazz. The quality of the music was world class and the quintet was appreciated by the sell out audience. "The best social night in the Club for years" said one happy jazz fan. Dave has promised to come back next year for a new set.

Cruising

Needles Relief - Saturday 17 December

Join the friendly race, take a leisurely cruise to Yarmouth or let the ferry 'take the strain'. Yarmouth and Lymington lifeboats and the Coastguard helicopter are due to perform at approximately 1215 hrs, but all boats should be clear of the area extending 200 metres east of the pier by 1200 hrs. Details are on the notice board and on the [website](#). Tickets for lunch at the Royal Solent YC are available at the Club office. Raffle tickets are on sale in the bar or from Cruising Sub-Committee members; the main prize is a ride from Lymington in the Yarmouth lifeboat followed by a hoist into the helicopter as part of the display. There are other prizes for those who just miss out on their ambition of a lifetime! All money goes to purchase suitable gifts to show our appreciation to the local lifeboat crews and the coastguard helicopter crews for the service and cover they give us over the year. Surplus money is donated to the two local lifeboat stations.



Winter Cruise to Newtown Creek - Thursday 26th January 2012

Our next winter cruise will be to Newtown Creek, with a walk up the the New Inn at Shalfleet for lunch.

Past Meets

Fireworks Night at Yarmouth

This year, due to the wind direction, the fireworks display took place at the end of the Pier rather than at the Green. Those with advance warning viewed the excellent display without having to move from the comfort of the Royal Solent YC. After a good supper some undertook a night passage back to Lymington, while the less intrepid either returned on the ferry or stayed in Yarmouth Harbour overnight before returning in a stiff north-easterly with a lumpy sea just off Yarmouth.



Winter Cruise to Cowes on 17th November

This was a great success with !6 boats and a record 72 people, who sailed down the Solent on a sunny day in a gentle westerly. Lunch was organised at the Island Sailing Club and they provided a good lunch in a friendly and convivial atmosphere. The wind had increased a little by the time we left for home, with wind over tide at the start of the ebb making for a lively but enjoyable sail to Lymington.

Richard Wood, Captain of Cruising

Winter Lectures

Our very popular Wednesday lecture programme takes a break now until the New Year, starting again with Eddie Naylor's excellent talk on the tragedy of the 'Kursk'.

4th January 'The Kursk' The story of the Russian nuclear submarine disaster. Eddie Naylor

11th January "Disasters I have created as a skipper" Roger Shaw's Odyssey to Corfu and his experiences of "Crew-seekers", the perils of yacht chartering and other facets of cruising.

18th January "Long way round to Sweden 2010" Lymington to Gislov Lage via Orkney by David Shepherd

25th January Burns Night Supper – no lecture.

Sign up early for the talk, as as they are often fully booked. If you are subsequently unable to attend please inform the office so someone else can attend. Details of all lectures are on the [website](#).

Post lecture suppers

I would also like to take this opportunity, particularly for new Members, to outline the details of our lecture evenings. The evening starts at 6.00 for drinks and to give you the opportunity to order your meal from the menu using the order forms. The lectures start at 6.30 and we like to move through to supper where you will be served from 7.45. Members may reserve a table in advance, but there are usually unreserved tables available including the Club Table. However if you have any difficulties finding a place Mark or Rob will be more than pleased to help.

Clive Sparrow, Vice-captain Cruising

Racing



The last events of the Club's racing calendar for 2011

[Needles Relief - Saturday 17th December](#)

As I write this on the last Sunday in November, the overnight gales have blown through and it is another perfect autumn's day to be out there on the briny. This completes the perfect set: excellent sailing weather every weekend since September. The boat will have to stay in the water now, at least until the Needles Relief Race on Saturday 17th December. There are no lighthouse keepers now, of course, but this being England, the traditional race still takes place. Even if conditions are not ideal, as the pictures taken last year show. If your boat is out of the water, ask around at the Club. Those boats still in the water probably have crew members with shopping responsibilities they cannot dodge, even for the last sail of the year so there will be some spaces. Whether you plan to race or cruise there all boats will need to purchase a £10 entry ticket from the Office which entitles you to free berthing & harbour taxi. Click on the headline for full details.



Robin Taunt

[The Peter Andreae Trophy - Tuesday 27th December](#)

For Club Members under 21 and hotly contested by our leading young sailors. Click on the headline for full details.

[The Penguin Trophy - Wednesday 28th December](#)

For all those with happy feet - and a combined age of at least 35 years (minimum age for helms is 14). Competitors will be allocated a different boat for each race. Click [on the headline](#) for full details.



Fleets

RS Elites

Congratulations to Steve Powell and his team on 'E'Tu', who wrapped up their season with an overall win of the Ineos Solent Circuit 2011 (see picture on right), with a number of race wins including, crucially, on the last day. It has been great to have Peter Lister back in his boat after an ankle re-build had him grounded all through the summer, and second overall shows he didn't get too rusty (hopefully just like the multitude of pins in his leg)! Crauford McKeon in Kandoo showed his normal pace but missed a couple of weekends so only narrowly edged out Roger Wilson and John Boddy in Matterhorn Jack on countback for the final podium position.

RS Elite – great value half share opportunity

A new addition to the Lymington fleet and a fantastic partnership opportunity - a potential new owner (and thoroughly nice guy) has persuaded a friend to sell his Elite at a very realistic price, making a 50% share available for just £5,000. The boat would be freely available for Thursday evenings as the other partner lives just too far away – and sailed together or use split at weekends, Cowes, the Nationals and other events.

This is a fantastic chance for someone, especially bearing in mind the massive range of Elite racing opportunities coming up in 2012. For more details, contact fleet captain [Steve Powell](#).



Martin Wadhams

Stuart Jardine International J Class Councillor of Honor



Last Saturday the Vice Chairman of the International J24 Class flew over to the UK to appoint Stuart Councillor of Honor and attend the UK Class dinner. The dinner had been set up by the members to express the appreciation of all his hard work as UK Class Secretary, Membership

Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Measurer. After some 18 years in post Stuart felt he should hand over to some younger sailors. He was presented with a half model of his J24 'Stouche' which he generously presented back to the Class to be added to their trophies.

RYA Regional Young Sailor of the Year Award winners announced

2011's inspiring young sailors are recognised

Annabel Vose with Megan Brickwood have won the Southern Regional RYA Young Sailor of the Year Award and have also been put forward as one of three finalists nominated for the national YJA Pantaenius Young Sailor of the Year Award.

Annabel and Megan kickstarted 2011 by winning the Ladies World Title in Buenos Aires, Argentina in the 420 World Championships at just 16 years old and despite having a broken mast. The girls achieved RYA Team GBR's best result at the Championship for five years. They won silver at the 2011 Flanders Regatta (Nieuwpoort, Belgium) and were 1st female crew and won the bronze medal in the female fleet at The 2011 Open 420 Junior European Championships (Nieuwpoort, Belgium). Full details on the [RYA website](#).

Ros Urwin, Captain of Juniors

Juniors

420's

420 National Youth Squad for 2012

Congratulations to the following Club Members who have been invited to join the 420 National Youth Squad, as a result of their achievements this year: Annabel Vose, Kirstie Urwin, Craig Dibb, Charlie Cox, Tim Riley, Ed Riley, Matt Wallis. Scott Wallis has been invited to train alongside the National Youth Squad.

James Dodd finishes End of Season on a high

James Dodd finished 1st at the 420 End of Season Championships at Grafham Water Sailing Club on 19-20 November 2011. Dinghies were rigged in the relative warmth of a balmy November weekend, quite unlike last year when sailors arrived to -8c and snow. Neil Marsden, ably crewed by James Dodd, showed the rest of the boats a clean pair of heels and rounded the windward mark first. They were closely followed down the run by Youth Squad sailors, Craig Dibb and Charlie Cox but James and Neil couldn't be caught, winning the first race by some distance. By Race 2 the wind had increased slightly and some smaller crews were seen testing the trapeze wires but not for long. James and Neil were given a close run by new 420 sailors on the block Scott Wallis and Josh Voller. Another clear start line for Race 3 and this time Scott and Josh were first to the windward mark, closely followed by Tim and Ed Riley. Neil and James were fourth. With no wind to run a fourth race on the water, the sailors headed ashore. At this point a fourth race did take place but it was to see who could be first to the hot chocolate, squirty cream and chocolate sprinkles!! This was much appreciated by everyone including the RIB crews and race team. (Picture shows James with the End of Season Trophy.)



Sunday arrived, the fog had returned and the wind hadn't. The fleet waited ashore in the hope that the far shore would reappear and they could go racing, but at midday it was decided to abandon racing for the day. So James Dodd and Neil Marsden were crowned End of Season champions, Sarah Alton and Molly

Frost, 1st girls in 2nd, Harry Derbyshire and Tom Lovesey 3rd and Scott Wallis and Josh Voller finishing top juniors in overall 4th place. Club sailors took six of the top seven places. Full results are on the International 420 [website](#).

Carlton Dodd

Lymington Oppies

November has been a quieter month for most Oppie sailors, all except the South Zone squad who went to Weymouth for their Land Day and completed their first full weekend at Poole. Cardiff Bay Yacht Club hosted the IOCA Winter Championships and laid on a full weekend of



excellent racing. They kept us busy off the water too, with an evening visit to the giant flumes. 37 sailors travelled from Lymington, and our top girl was Isabelle Welch, who sailed an exceptional series to come 8th. William Heathcote won the Silver Fleet, with William Bedford 2nd and William Heritage 4th. (Picture shows Toby Bennett earning his place in the Gold Fleet).

Oppie sailors turned out in force for the "Ultimate climber" competition at Calshot; for some reason they make particularly good competitors. Points are accumulated from the four disciplines of speed, bouldering, dyno and difficulty, and this formula has been shortlisted for the Olympic Games in 2020.

George Heathcote

Training

Race Management Training 2012

Come and share the fun of racing even if you do not want to race yourself. There is a full programme planned for next year. Below are some of the courses planned to brush up skills or introduce new Members to the delights of being part of a Race Team. Please check on the [website](#) for more details.



Club Race Officer Course - Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February

Introductory level course using material designed by the RYA and adapted to focus on our Club facilities and race management procedures. Course structure is planned to give volunteers the confidence to

help run Club racing and to have a good knowledge of the duties in race management.

Race Team Training and Refresher Evenings Tuesday 10 April 2012

Informal training for all race team members, from newcomers to the "oldest" hands, throughout the year. Some sessions will be linked specifically to Club race events, for example Youth Week. The first evening will take an in-depth look at Flags.

Course Setting for Race Officers for Thursday Evening Keelboats - starting early March

Learn and practise course setting skills with a particular focus on the Club's Thursday Evening Keelboat Racing. The course consists of two evening sessions and these will be held on two the following three dates: Thursday 08 March, Thursday 15 March, Thursday 22 March 2012

Course Setting for Monday Evening Dinghy Racing - Monday 26 March 2012

Learn and practise course setting skills with a particular focus on Monday Evening Dinghy Racing.

If you would like to attend any of these courses, please contact [Frances Evans](#).

Power Boat Training

Vince Sutherland and his team of instructors will be running more courses next year. Please check with the [Office](#) for availability, but recently there were spaces on 21st and 22nd January for the RYA Safety Boat course; the RYA Marklayers course in March and the Level 2 + course also in March. Vince will lay on extra dates if required. So far this winter they have put 18 people through the Club Marklaying course, 8 through the Regional Marklaying course, 19 have done PB Level 2 courses and 9 have done Level 2 +, which is specifically designed by Vince for the Club. Vince and several of his team are Olympic marklayers and we are very grateful to them for their time and willingness to pass on their skills.



Art Exhibition



This year's Art Exhibition, held in the newly refurbished Library, was a great success with many regular exhibitors and several who had not previously shown their works. The latter included Miggy Flux (picture left), whose watercolour of XOD 33, was awarded the 'Commodore's Choice' at the Preview Evening and Vita Heathcote (picture right) who sold two of her three paintings.

Many thanks to all those who helped with displaying and stewarding, particularly to Christina Young and Robin Leuchars who gave invaluable help and advice, without which the show could not have been such a success. Sales of just over £2,000 were achieved, 20% of which goes to the RNLI. A further £36.00 from donations to the RNLI boxes including proceeds of the raffle for the biography of John Thomas Serres, donated and written by Ian Russett (won by Annie Littlejohn).



Bridget Atkin



Lymited Editions 

Don't forget your Christmas presents and stocking fillers

Cufflinks and Ties

Teddy Bear with personalised jumper in choice of colours

Diaries and Calendars

Tchillbags – ideal for bottles of Champagne

Wool Jumpers, Shirts & Polos in a wide range of colours

Please contact Reception to purchase/order

RNLI

Don't forget the RNLI stall at Beaulieu Boat Jumble next April. Anything surplus to requirements when you are doing your winter overhaul

may be brought to the Club boatmen for storage until next April and will be turned to good account on the day.
The annual Bridge Drive will be held at the Club on Monday, 6th February.

Small Ads

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception.

Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

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